

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 1999  
PARAMEDIC TASK FORCE MEETING  
Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel

MEMBERS	EMSA STAFF	ALTERNATES	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Debbie Becker	Richard McSherry	Dave Magnino	Dean Anderson	Jim Allen
Bill Bower	Nancy Steiner	Mike Metro	Sabina Imrie	Linda Anderson
Bill Cody	Miranda Swanson	Frank Pratt	Bill Koenig	Michael Harris
Carol Gunter	Connie Telford		Tony Pallitto	Nancy Justin
Jim Holbrook	Daryl Walker		Karen Short	Dick Mayberry
Marshall Morton	Richard Watson		Sam Stratton	David Nevins
Jan Ogar				
Kevin Rittger				
Kevin White				
				AUDIENCE
				<u>PRESENT</u>
				None

Richard Watson introduced Miranda Swanson, the Project Manager for the Vision Implementation Project (VIP). Miranda comes to the VIP team from the Winnebago Health Care System in Illinois. He also introduced Richard McSherry, the new Chief Investigator. Richard comes to the EMS Authority from the Fair Political Practices Commission. Mr. Watson also announced that the National Registry of EMTs will be increasing their registration fee in 2002. The EMS Authority will be sending this information to the local EMS Agencies and training programs.

**I Review and Approval of November 30, 1999 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved with the request that the minutes of the November 30, 1999 Paramedic Task Force meeting reflect the discussion that the composition of the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee be multi-disciplinary in nature. The minutes will be changed to reflect this discussion and sent to the task force members on the list serve.

**II Setting of the Agenda**

There was a request to move the discussion on the Statement on Scope of Practice to the morning.

**III Paramedic Task Force Members' Statement on Scope of Practice** (Carol Gunter, Sam Stratton, Frank Pratt)

Frank Pratt reported that EMDAC had discussed the Statement on Scope of Practice. Some of the comments from EMDAC included:

- The scope of practice is truly a local issue.
- Any basic scope of practice that all would agree on would be very small.
- Maybe the task force should wait for the new AHA guidelines.
- They don't want to limit what a paramedic can know.
- Some groups may be afraid of losing the local optional scope of practice.
- They also thought that all drugs and procedures in the optional scope of practice be verified by studies, and that new procedures should be linked to researched procedures.

The task force discussed the possibility that the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee include ex officio members which might include an EMS educator, an EMS administrator, and a field paramedic in an advisory capacity, but not as voting members. There was also some discussion that there needs to be a process to address changes in the scope of practice.

Carol Gunter reviewed the latest draft Statement on the Scope of Practice. The Paramedic Task Force Members

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agreed that the Statement be approved with the latest changes and sent to the EMS Director with a transmittal letter.

#### **IV        Draft Model Disciplinary Guidelines**

The task force continued discussing the Model Disciplinary Guidelines. The group discussed whether or not the employer has the right to be in attendance for EMSA investigative interviews with the paramedic. Some employers have insisted that an interview cannot be held with the paramedic unless the employer is present. Daryl Walker will check with the Attorney General's Office on the right of the paramedic to refuse to have the employer in attendance, and whether not conducting the interview with a paramedic when the paramedic does not want the employer present violates the paramedic's right to due process.

The group also discussed the language for Model Disciplinary Order Number 12 (Educational Course Work) and 13 (Ethical Practice in EMS). The group decided any educational courses should be based on the DOT Curriculum. Carol Gunter will send proposed language to Daryl for continued discussion at the next task force meeting.

Dean Anderson's proposed language for Order Number 20 was reviewed and discussed. It was decided to add a new Order Number 15 using Nancy Justin's proposed language as a monitoring condition.

#### **V        Adjournment**

Because the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Administrators' Association of California was scheduled for the last Tuesday of January, it was decided to move the Paramedic Task Force Meeting to January 18. Carol Gunter advised the members that Michael Harris had offered to once again host the meeting at the Alameda County EMS Agency and the members approved the suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m.